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Amendment

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Rejection of 6/27/2006, please enter the amendments set forth in the attached claim listing, and reconsider the rejections in view of the following remarks.

REMARKS

The Examiner rejected claims 47, 49, 50 and 55 under Section 112 para. 2. Amendments to claims 47 and 50 have been made, pursuant to the Examiner's suggestions, to overcome these rejections.

The Examiner also rejected claims 47, 49, 50 and 55 under Section 103(a) over Rava et al. in view of Shivasankar et al. The relevant portion of Rava et al. (col. 8, lines 35 et. Seq) provides:

In another embodiment, the biological chip plate has a wafer having a plurality of probe arrays and a material resistant to the flow of a liquid sample that surrounds each probe array. For example, in an embodiment useful for testing aqueous-